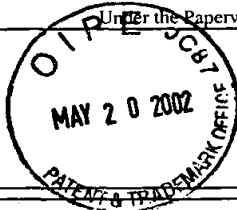


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	First Named Inventor	J. BAENSCH et al.
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53 (d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/511,780, filed on February 23, 2000, entitled CREAM-BASED FOOD COMPOSITION AND PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4).
 - ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
- ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
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b. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
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9. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.11. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____

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Sir:

Applicants request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of this application, prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, line 16 as follows:

The food composition has an A_w of 0.88 and contains living lactic acid bacteria at a concentration of 5×10^7 per gram of the food composition. After being chilled for 45 days, the food composition still contains living lactic acid bacteria at a concentration of over 10^6 per gram of the food composition.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 37, without prejudice, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

26. (Amended) A cream composition comprising a mixture of:
- 10% to 20% of a milk derivative;
 - 8% to 30% of a sugar;
 - 10% to 60% of a fermented dairy product;
 - 0.01% to 35% of a texturizing agent;

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